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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST FOR WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS
INFORMATION ON NIGERIAN CITIZEN(S)

1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL SEPTEMBER 7 FROM
OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ROBERT H. MICHEL OF ILLINOIS ABOUT
CASE OF A NIGERIAN STUDENT IN US WHO HAD LOST CONTACT
WITH PARENTS IN NIGERIA AND SUSPECTED THEY MIGHT BE
HAVING TROUBLE WITH AUTHORITIES, HEALTH, FAMILY, OR SOME-
THING. DEPOFF SAID EMBASSY COULD TRY ASSIST IF THE CONGRESS-
MAN REQUESTED BUT SUGGESTED THAT THE STUDENT MIGHT HAVE
EASIER AND MORE CERTAIN WAY OF COLLECTING INFORMATION
THROUGH EXTENDED FAMILY SYSTEM AND OTHER PERSONAL MEANS.
DISCUSSION OF NIGERIAN MORES SEEMED TO SATISFY THE CALLER,
AND IT WAS AGREED THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD RECEIVE A FOLLOW-
UP REQUEST IF THE CONGRESSMAN THOUGHT THE CASE MERITED
EMBASSY ACTION.

2. FOLLOWING LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 21 RECEIVED FROM CON-
GRESSMAN MICHEL BY H AND FORWARDED OCTOBER 1 TO AF: QUOTE.
A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE HAS ASKED ME TO DO WHATEVER I CAN
TO LEND ASSISTANCE TO A NIGERIAN STUDENT IN THIS COUNTRY
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IN DETERMINING THE WELFARE OF HIS PARENTS WHO LIVE IN

LAGOS.

IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL MONTHS SINCE MR. OLUKAYODE DOROJAIYE HAS HAD ANY DIRECT WORD FROM HIS PARENTS AND HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH THEM FOR ASSURANCES THAT THEY ARE WELL AND NOT IN ANY SERIOUS DIFFICULTY. I WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE IT IF SOME OF OUR PERSONNEL IN NIGERIA COULD MAKE SOME DISCREET INQUIRIES TO VERIFY THE WELFARE OF THESE FOLKS. THE MOTHER'S ADDRESS IS AS FOLLOWS: MRS. C.F. YILU; 118 HERBERT MACAULAY STREET; EBUTE-METTA; LAGOS, NIGERIA.

ANY HELP YOU CAN LEND IN THIS REGARD WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. UNQUOTE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. BY TELEPHONE AND VISIT, EMBASSY SHOULD DO WHATEVER IT CAN TO DETERMINE WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF MR. DOROJAIYE'S PARENTS. SINCE HE HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT WHAT MAY HAVE HAPPENED TO THEM, EMBASSY ACTIONS, AS THE CONGRESSMAN'S LETTER SAYS, SHOULD BE DISCREET.

PLEASE REPLY ASAP, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF USUAL PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO CONGRESSIONAL-INTEREST CASES, BUT BECAUSE NEARLY MONTH HAS GONE BY SINCE THIS FIRST CAME TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION. ROBINSON

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